

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2005. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 4.

By the present amendment, independent claim 1 has been canceled, without prejudice to the applicants' right to proceed with the subject matter of this claim by way of a continuation application. Claim 2 has been rewritten into independent form to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1. By virtue of the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action, assuming claim 2 is rewritten into independent form, this action serves to place claim 2 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested. Incidentally, it is noted that the subject matter of claim 1 incorporated into claim 2 has been amended to correct the minor informality noted in paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Office Action. Also by the present Amendment, claim 3 has been amended to depend on claim 2. Correspondingly, claim 3 should now also be in condition for allowance, together with dependent claim 4, inasmuch as both claims 3 and 4 depend on claim 2. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment and allowance of claims 2-4 is respectfully requested.


If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 501.42810X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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